

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth Berner on 01/29/09. The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding **Claim 1**,

In line 4 after "elements" and before ",", insert --of said fastener equipment--.

In line 8 after "suppressed" and before "when", insert --by a suppressor-- .

Regarding **Claim 17**, in line 1, delete "The" and insert --An--.

In line 4 after "elements" and before ",", insert --of said fastener equipment--.

Regarding **Claim 18**,

In line 1, delete "The" and insert --An--.

In line 4 after "elements" and before ",", insert --of said fastener equipment--.

In line 8 after "suppressed" and before "when", insert --by a suppressor--.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OJIAKO NWUGO whose telephone number is (571)272-

9755. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 7.30am - 5.00pm EST,
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin Lee can be reached on (571) 272 2963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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